



# The Parish of Ss. Thomas & Edmund of Canterbury Erdington Abbey

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SUNDAY: 6.00pm (Vigil Sat) 8.00, 9.15, 10.30, 12.00, 6.00pm

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 10.00am. 7.30pm. Tuesday, Friday 10.00am Saturday 9.30am

Confessions: Wednesday 10.30am-11.00am Saturday 10.00-11.00am and 4.30-5.00pm Novena Service:  
Wed: 7.00pm.

Parish Office 9-11am and 1-4.30pm. Holy Shop Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10.30-12.00noon and 2.30-3.45pm Closed Wednesdays

10<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Second Sunday of Advent

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### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December

6.00pm. Margaret & Frank  
Maiden RIP

#### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December

8.00am. All Parishioners  
9.15am William McNamara RIP  
10.30am. Jim Foley RIP  
12 noon Mary M Kelly RIP  
6.00pm. Bridget, Michael &  
Raymond Sullivan RIP

#### Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December

10.00am: Mary Breen RIP  
11.30am. Marian Heeneey  
*Requiem*

7.30pm: Seamus & Teresa  
Finnerty RIP

#### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

10.00am: Phillip Leighton RIP

#### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

10.00am: Annie O'Donoghue RIP  
7.30pm: Ella Prince

#### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December

10.00am: Kieran Gallagher  
7.30pm: John Farrell RIP

#### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December

10.00am: Mary & Michael Carney  
RIP  
11.15am: Phillip Marron  
*Requiem*

#### Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December

9.30am: Fr Gabby  
6.00pm: Brian Kerins RIP

#### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December

8.00am: Shelia Hanlon  
9.15am: All Parishioners  
10.30am: John & Teresa Woulfe  
RIP  
12.00 noon: Ollie Eivors RIP  
6.00pm: Ray Taylor

Collection: £1877.42  
Poor Parishes: £1161.97  
CAFOD: £16.93  
Zimbabwe: £224.97  
Holy Souls: £11.87

SVP Retiring Collection

Thank you for your generosity

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Jackie Wilson, John Swift, Anna Turner, Ray Taylor and Sue Daly who are sick and for John Joe Neenan Mary Hackett and Bridget O'Malley-Shorthouse who have died.

**P**ENITENTIAL SERVICE on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm. Please make a note of this in your diary, a good opportunity to become closer to the Lord this Christmas.

**ABBEY CHRISTMAS FAYRE** Total amount raised was £5,092.13. Thank you all once again for the wonderful support you gave.

**SVP FOODBANK COLLECTION TODAY** Thank you for your continued support.

**C**HRISTMAS CARD WITH A DIFFERENCE: I have received vouchers for Br. Benjamin's feeding programme in Zimbabwe. A £10 donation will go along way in alleviating their suffering. Vouchers available from Claire

**S**PUC CAROL SERVICE by pupils from St Edmund Campion School on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December in the Abbey Church from 6-7.00pm. No cost: just a donation to the cause. Please come along to support SPUC and the students Refreshments in the Hall afterwards. **COFFEE MORNING** in the Hall after the 10.00am Mass on Wednesday. Please come and join us.

**F**LOWERS IN CHURCH IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE AT CHRISTMAS: If you would like to contribute towards the cost of decorating the Church for Christmas in memory of a loved one, please leave your donation with the names of the people you would like remembered in the Parish Office. Their names will be displayed in the Church Porch at Christmas.

**ABBEY CHRISTMAS OCTAVE MASS CARD** is now on sale in the Holy Shop, price 50p. Also Abbey diaries on sale price 75p.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** will finish this Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December and resume on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January. Thank you to all those who give their time to be official watchers.. We still need more parishioners to come on board—maybe a New Year's Resolution!

**Lunchtime Play Co-Ordinator Vacancy:** Holy Cross Catholic School have a vacancy for a lunchtime Play Co-Ordinator. For further information please contact the school office 675 2158. Deadline for application is Friday 15 December, thank you.

**Heating in Church:** In order to keep the church nice and warm, we all need to be conscious of the need to keep the church doors closed when at all possible. When leaving through the Sacristy please make sure the outer side door is closed properly as this is also a security hazard. Thank you.

**ABBEY 500 + TOTE:** Winning numbers were 6, 9, 11, & 14. No Jackpot winner. B Bradley, PM Lennon, Mary Daly, Malcolm McDermott and FM Kelly had three correct numbers and each receive £17.00.

Be in it to win it!

NEXT WEEK'S JACKPOT £1,000.00

### Parish Priest's Corner:

It's all good news, as I feel very well in myself. I'm even starting to eat a little without having to use my feeding tube! My Consultant pops in and tells me that he is pleased with my progress. I now have visits from the physio team, who are slowly getting my muscles to work again with gentle exercises. I have been in hospital for over a month now, it's very much a case of case, 'if you don't use it, you loose it!' I am confident that I will gain strength to walk out of this hospital in the near future. Watch this space!!

*Fr Gabby from the Abbey!*